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SUBJECT: PKK TERROR ATTACK IN MALATYA

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REPLY DIRECTLY TO AMCONSUL ADANA  
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QUOTE

[1](#)1. THE PKK ATTEMPTED YESTERDAY TO EXPAND ITS TERROR  
CAMPAIGN TO MALATYA.

[1](#)2. TURKISH DAILY NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT A SINGLE  
TERRORIST, APPARENTLY INTENT ON STAGING A ONE-MAN  
SUICIDE ATTACK ON SECURITY HEADQUARTERS, WAS FOILED  
BEFORE HE COULD CARRY OUT HIS ATTACK WHEN HE DROPPED A  
MAGAZINE FROM HIS KALASHNIKOV ON THE STREET. HAVING  
LOST THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE, HE RETREATED TO THE 6TH  
FLOOR OF THE RAILWAY WORKERS' UNION BUILDING ACROSS THE  
STREET FROM THE SECURITY OFFICE, AND OPENED FIRE AT THE  
SECURITY BUILDING.

[1](#)3. DURING THE STANDOFF, WHICH LASTED FOUR HOURS, A  
BUILDING GUARD WAS KILLED, AND A POLICEMAN AND A  
PASSER-BY WERE WOUNDED. THE SIEGE ENDED WITH THE POLICE  
KILLING THE TERRORIST, WHO WAS FOUND TO HAVE HAD A  
KALASHNIKOV RIFLE, TWO PISTOLS, 150 ROUNDS OF  
AMMUNITION, AND GRENADES WITH HIM.

[1](#)4. MALATYA SECURITY OFFICIALS TOLD CONSULATE THAT THE  
TERRORIST HAS NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED, BUT APPARENTLY  
WAS OPERATING ALONE. NEVERTHELESS, SEVERAL OTHER  
SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AS POSSIBLE  
CO-CONSPIRATORS.

[1](#)5. COMMENT: MALATYA, WHICH IS RELATIVELY PROSPEROUS  
COMPARED TO OTHER AREAS OF THE SOUTHEAST, HAS FOR SOME  
TIME BEEN OUTSIDE THE AREA OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY. THIS  
IS THE FIRST MAJOR OPERATION DIRECTED AGAINST MALATYA IN  
OVER A YEAR. END COMMENT.

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